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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated November 12, 2004, for which a response was due on December 12, 2004 (which fell on a Sunday). This response is timely filed.

The Communication stated that the amendment filed on May 30, 2004 did not comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(2) because claim 30, which was amended in the response, did not use the status identifier "withdrawn-currently amended." Applicants have amended the sequence listing to identify claim 30 with the identifier "withdrawn-currently amended" and resubmit the response filed on May 30, 2004 herewith. In connection with the comments herein, Applicants also draw the Examiner's attention to the Supplemental Amendment filed on August 3, 2004

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.